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ABSTRACT

This videotape and accompanying workbook are intended to help paraprofessional school personnel learn necessary skills to assist in classroom instruction. The workbook provides supplementary information and each section includes suggested activities for putting knowledge and skills into practice and suggestions for reflection. Individual sections address the following topics: (1) definition and role of paraprofessionals in educational settings; (2) communication and team building; (3) establishing and maintaining rapport with students; (4) supporting the teaching of teachers and the learning of students; and (5) data collection for monitoring student performance. A final section provides references and suggested resources for continued learning. The transcript of the 25-minute video is appended. The video focuses on practical classroom strategies but also covers policies guiding the paraprofessional's roles, responsibilities, preparation, and supervision; factors that affect learning; and characteristics of the early development and learning processes. (Contains 14 references.) (DB)

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